

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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CHRISTOPHER CAPLES,

Plaintiff

v.

MICHAEL BECKER, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:25-CV-00178-MMD-CLB

**ORDER TO PAY FILING FEE OR FILE
APPLICATION TO PROCEED
IN FORMA PAUPERIS**

I. DISCUSSION

On April 4, 2025, Plaintiff Christopher Caples (“Caples”), an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections, submitted a civil rights complaint with the Court. (ECF No. 1-1.) However, Caples has neither paid the full \$405 filing fee for this matter, nor filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) and Local Rule LSR 1-2, an inmate seeking to begin a civil action in this Court may apply to proceed *in forma pauperis* in order to file the civil action without prepaying the full \$405 filing fee. To apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit all three of the following documents to the Court:

(1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, this Court’s approved form (i.e., pages 1 through 3 with the inmate’s two signatures on page 3),

(2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official (i.e., page 4 of this Court’s approved form), and

(3) a copy of the **inmate’s prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period**.

The Court will grant Caples a **one-time** opportunity to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* containing all three of the required documents, or in the alternative, pay the full \$405 filing fee for this action on or before **Wednesday**,

1 **May 7, 2025.** Absent unusual circumstances, the Court will not grant any further
2 extensions of time.

3 If Caples is unable to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis*
4 with all three required documents or pay the full \$405 filing fee on or before **Wednesday,**
5 **May 7, 2025,** this case will be subject to dismissal without prejudice for Caples to file a
6 new case with the Court when Caples is either able to acquire all three of the documents
7 needed to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pays the full
8 \$405 filing fee.

9 A dismissal without prejudice means Caples does not give up the right to refile the
10 case with the Court, under a new case number, when Caples has all three documents
11 needed to submit with an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Alternatively, Caples
12 may choose not to file an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and instead pay the
13 full filing fee of \$405 on or before **Wednesday, May 7, 2025,** to proceed with this case.

14 **II. CONCLUSION**

15 For the foregoing reasons, **IT IS ORDERED** that the Clerk of the Court will **SEND**
16 Caples the approved form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by an inmate, as well
17 as the document entitled information and instructions for filing an *in forma pauperis*
18 application.

19 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that on or before **Wednesday, May 7, 2025,** Caples
20 will either pay the full \$405 filing fee for a civil action (which includes the \$350 filing fee
21 and the \$55 administrative fee) or file with the Court:

22 (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate** on this
23 Court's approved form (i.e., pages 1 through 3 of the form with the inmate's two
24 signatures on page 3),

25 (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail
26 official (i.e., page 4 of this Court's approved form), and

27 (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the**
28 **previous six-month period.**

